



EUGENE BLM

“ EYE TO THE FUTURE ”



Planning and Project Focus

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A Note from the District Manager

This edition of the Eugene “Eye to the Future” is part of our continuing effort to keep you informed of ongoing and proposed activities on the Eugene District.

It is our intent to increase awareness of BLM issues, activities and opportunities we think are important to the public. More importantly, we are seeking ideas, comments and participation from those who are, or may be affected by our management decisions.

Our District’s employees continue active involvement on several key issues including: Resource Management Plan (RMP) implementation, evaluation and amendment; Watershed/Ecosystem Analysis; “Jobs in the Woods”-Watershed Restoration efforts; and participation on Advisory Committees and Councils. As you read this edition, you will find descriptions of many different types of projects related to these key issues.

Thank you for your interest in BLM’s management of our Public Lands. If you have any questions on information in this edition, do not hesitate to call upon us for clarification or explanation. Your input helps us to design and implement better projects that enhance the health of the land and meets the needs of our nation.

You are also invited to visit our web page at (www.edo.or.blm.gov)

Manager

Denis Williamson, District

MCKENZIE RESOURCE AREA LOST CREEK WATERSHED

<1> Ant Farm Timber Sale

Contact: Don Wilbur (683-6994)

Location: T.19S., R.1W., section 31;
T.19S., R.2W. section 1;

The Proposed Action proposes harvesting 2 units of 65 acres and constructing 0.3 miles of temporary road. One harvest area would be a regeneration cut and the harvest area is 18 acres and 67 years old. The other harvest area is a thinning of 47 acres which is 54-56 years old.

STATUS: *The EA is completed and the review period ended March 6, 1998. A decision would be made in the winter of 1998.*

<2> Lost Creek FY 99 Projects

Contact: Trish Wilson (683-6448)

Location: Throughout the watershed

There is a proposal to thin an estimated 900 acres with an age ranging from 40-55 years old and to regenerate an estimated 160 acres with an age range of 56 - 120 years old. This project would also include decommissioning roads and creating snags. Public meetings and field trips were held in January, March 3, and April 9, 1998.

STATUS: *The EA will be out for public review by mid-Summer.*

<3> Road Restoration Projects

Contact: Greg Bashor (683-6232)

Location: T.19S., R.2W., section 23

Roads no 19-2-23 and 20-1W-13 were both damaged by the floods in late 1996. The task is to determine whether or not the roads are needed. If the roads are determined to be needed, they will be repaired. If they are not needed, they will be decommissioned. The environmental analysis for these roads will be apart of the environmental

assessment for the timber sales mentioned in item #2.

MOHAWK WATERSHED

<4> Mohawk FY 99 Timber Sales

Contact: Trish Wilson (683-6448)

Location: Throughout the watershed

The proposal is to thin an estimated 30 acres with stand ages ranging from 40 to 55 years old and regeneration harvest 270 acres with stand ages ranging from 56 to 70 years old. The environmental analysis work has started.

STATUS: *Scoping has occurred. The environmental assessment would be available for public review by late fall, 1998.*

<5> Transportation Management Plan

Contact: Liz Aleman (683-7578)

Work on a transportation plan started this Spring. The area to be considered is from the Shotgun and Cash Creek drainages.

<6> Trail Designation

Contact: Liz Aleman (683-7578)

Location: Shotgun and Cash Creek drainage

Designation trails in the Mohawk area was identified in the Mohawk Recreation Area Management Plan. Work will start on this process this summer. The area to be considered is the Shotgun and Cash Creek drainages. It will be integrated with the transportation planning work. In fact, this project cannot begin until some progress is made in the transportation planning process.

STATUS: *Scoping will begin in early summer, 1998.*

FALL CREEK WATERSHED

<7> Timber Sales**Contact:** Trish Wilson (683-6448)**Location:** T.19S, R.1E. Section 3;
T.19S.,R.1E. section 11; T.18S. R.1E.
section 29

The proposal is to regenerate approximately 150-200 acres of stands ranging in age from 87 - 187. The analysis work will start late fall.

STATUS: *Scoping has not started yet. It will begin in the fall, 1998. The environmental assessment will be available for public comment in the winter.*

BEAR-MARTEN WATERSHED**<8> Mt. Hagen/Mt Jimbo Road Repair****Contact:** Trish Wilson (683-6448)**Location:** T.16S., R.3E. section 33;

The project is located about 20 miles east of the Eugene/Springfield on both sides of the McKenzie River. The proposal is to fix the Mt. Hagen Road that was damaged by the flood in 1996. For the Mt. Jimbo road, the proposal is to fix or decommission the road.

STATUS: *The environmental assessment was made available for public review on January 28, 1998. The comment period ended February 27, 1998. The decision will be made in June.*

VIDA-MCKENZIE WATERSHED**<10> Minney Creek Road****Contact:** Trish Wilson (683-6448)**Location:** T.16S., R.2E. section 23, road
number 16-2E-23.3

The culverts were washed away from the road bed during the February 1996 flood. There are two different alternatives being considered for fixing the road. Leaving the road closed is also being considered.

STATUS: *The EA will be available for public review in June, 1998.*

MULTIPLE WATERSHEDS**<9> Fertilization****Contact:** Fred Kallien (683-6443)**Location:** Throughout the following
watersheds - Lower McKenzie, Hills
Creek, Little Fall Creek, Upper Fall Creek,
Winberry and Lost Creek

A proposal is in development to aerially apply urea fertilizer (46-0-0) for timber stand improvement on approximately 2,600 acres of managed stands usually 15 - 32 years old.

STATUS: *The environmental assessment would be available for public review sometime in June.*

**COAST RANGE RESOURCE AREA
PLANNING****SIUSLAW WATERSHED****<1> Resource Management Plan
Amendment and Land Exchange****Contact:** Steve Madsen (683-6948)

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eugene District, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (OR-97-42) for a Resource Management Plan Amendment and Land Exchange. The amendment includes language for the adjustment of land tenure zone for isolated parcels of land which would allow for their disposal subject to further NEPA analysis. The Environmental Assessment also analyzes a proposed land exchange which would bring 2¼ miles of Whittaker Creek into public ownership in exchange for scattered public lands in the Coast Range Resource Area. The land exchange would be subject to conditions set forth in a pending Biological Opinion from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

STATUS: *Scoping has been completed. The environmental analysis (EA) is available for*

public comment until June 29, 1998. A Open House is scheduled for June 17, 1998.

<2> Alma Over Density Management Treatment

Contact: Phillip Redlinger (683-6977)

Location: T19S R6W Section 19 within the Siuslaw Watershed

This proposal is primarily an intermediate thinning on approximately 47 acres and is designed to increase tree size, crown development, or other desirable characteristics, to increase diversity of stocking levels and size classes within the stand or landscape.

***STATUS:** The EA is currently being prepared and is expected to be available for public review in mid to late June. The proposed sale date is August 27, 1998.*

<3> Upper Siuslaw Aquatic Habitat Restoration

Contact: Neil B. Armantrout

Location: Upper Siuslaw Basin above Esmond Creek

Restoration of aquatic habitat in the upper Siuslaw basin above Esmond Creek is proposed through culvert rehabilitation, road rehabilitation, placement of log and boulder structures in streams, and increase of conifer in riparian areas.

***STATUS:** The Decision Record was published May 20, 1998. The project implementation is expected to start in July, 1998.*

LOWER SIUSLAW WATERSHED

<4> Fred Meyer Sand Dune Stabilization Proposal

Contact: David Schroeder (683-6482)

Location: T. 18 S., R. 11 W., Section 15 (SE¼NE¼) in Florence, Oregon

Fred Meyer, Inc. and Westwood Development Corporation propose to stabilize 4.55 acres of open sand dunes located on BLM land. They propose to stabilize the dunes with vegetation (European beach grass, shore pine, salal) in order to facilitate development of their adjoining private property for a shopping center in Florence, Oregon.

***STATUS:** The area is currently evaluating approximately 100 public comment letters. A decision is expected by the end of June, 1998.*

LAKE CREEK WATERSHED

<5> Nelson Creek Fish Passage Project

Contact: Eric Meyers (683-6499)

Location: Road #17-8-14 (Nelson Creek)

The Nelson Creek fish passage project will replace all existing culverts on BLM Rd#17-8-14 with new ones capable of passing anadromous fish and sized to withstand a 100 year flood event.

It will also close a portion of the roadway which is no longer needed.

***STATUS:** Decision Record was published April 29, 1998. Implementation is expected by mid-July, 1998.*

<6> ODF Sitka Selective Timber Sale Access Road

Contact: Eric Meyers (683-6499)

Location: T17S, R8W, Sec13

The ODF "Sitka Selective" Timber Sale regards BLM & State of Oregon Cooperative Agreement. E-207 granting a permit under our Cooperative Agreement, to the State of Oregon, for building road on BLM to access Oregon Department Forestry (ODF) timber.

STATUS: The Decision Record was signed on May 13, 1998.

<7> Poole Creek Culvert Replacement

Contact: Woody Banks (683-6694)

Location: T15S, R7W, Sec 26, SW1/4

The proposal is to replace a large culvert with a new passage that allows fish passage and meets NWFP standards and guidelines. This culvert was analyzed in the original Upper Lake Creek Aquatic Habitat Restoration EA. This analysis will supplement the previous EA and examine engineering and wetland issues.

STATUS: The Decision Record was published June 19, 1996. Site specific design completed in May 1998. Project implementation is expected to begin in August, 1998.

<8> Fish Creek Aquatic Habitat Project

Location: Fish Creek, T16S-R7W-Sec.27,33

Contact: Neil B. Armantrout (683-6451)

The proposed project would relocate wood delivered by a landslide into position in the Fish Creek channel to help stabilize the channel and increase fish habitat. .

STATUS: A supplement to the existing Fish Creek Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project EA is estimated to be completed in July, 1998. Project implementation is expected in the summer, 1999.

<9>Upper Lake Creek SRMA, Recreation Area Management Plan or RAMP

Contact: Sandra Miles (683-6227)

Location: Extensive area between Horton, OR. and Salem BLM District in T.15 S., R. 6 & 7 W. Approximately 15,600 acres.

BLM is developing its RAMP for the ULC SRMA in the Lake Creek watershed and parts of South Fork Alsea and Long Tom watersheds. BLM is asking the public for issues and concerns, and how

they would like to see the area developed. The RAMP is the general overall recreation plan for the area. Specific site project plans would be the next planning phase. BLM held a public scoping meeting on February 10 at the Triangle Grange.

STATUS: Scoping is open for public comments regarding planning for the area until fall, 1998. Work will then begin on the Recreation Area Management Plan.

<10> Ten High Density Management Study and Commercial Thinning

Contact: Phillip Redlinger (683-6977)

Location: T15S R7W Section 10 within the Lake Creek Watershed

A portion of the project is part of a larger series of U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), cooperative Density Management Studies between the BLM, Oregon State University (OSU), National Biological Service (NBS) and U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station. This project proposes a variety of spacings of thinning on approximately 155 acres. Another portion of the project proposes to commercially thin approximately 234 acres and would focus on providing increased tree growth and encourage individual tree development by providing more growing space.

STATUS: The Decision Record was published April 15, 1998. The protest period ended April 30, 1998. A protest was received on May 6, 1998 and dismissed as untimely on May 13, 1998. On June 1, 1998 an appeal of this decision was received. This timber sale was sold on May 28, 1998.

<11> Hult View Thinning

Contact: Mark Stephens (683-6439)

Location: T15S, R7W, Section 23, within the Lake Creek Watershed

This project proposes to commercially thin approximately 147 acres and would focus on

providing increased tree growth and encourage individual tree development by providing more growing space.

STATUS: *The Decision Record was published June 3, 1998.*

<12> Second Wind Density Management Treatment

Contact: Phillip Redlinger (683-6977)

Location: T16S, R8W, Section 33, within the Lake Creek Watershed

This proposed project is primarily an intermediate thinning on approximately 68 acres and is designed to increase tree size, crown development, or other desirable characteristics, to increase diversity of stocking levels and size classes within the stand or landscape.

STATUS: *The environment assessment is currently being prepared and is expected to be available for public review by mid-to- late June. The proposed sale date is August 27, 1998.*

<13> Triangle Lake Progeny Site Thinning

Contact: Rich Kelley (683-6405)

Location: T16S R7W Section 19 within Lake Creek Watershed

This project proposes to commercially thin approximately 15 acres of the Progeny Site, currently managed under a research exception. The thinning would focus on maintaining vigor of the progeny site and would maintain tree families for the genetics program.

STATUS: *The Decision Record was published on this thinning and the Lake Creek Progeny Site Thinning on April 29, 1998. This timber sale sold on May 28, 1998.*

<14> Lake Creek Progeny Site Thinning

Contact: Rich Kelley (683-6405)

Location: T15S R6W Section 7

This project proposes to commercially thin approximately 13 acres of the Progeny Site, currently managed under a research exception. The thinning would focus on maintaining vigor of the progeny site and would maintain tree families for the genetics program.

STATUS: *The Decision Record was published on this thinning and the Triangle Lake Progeny Site Thinning on April 29, 1998. This timber sale sold on May 28, 1998.*

WILDCAT CREEK WATERSHED

<15> Wildcat Watershed Analysis

Contact: Gary Hoppe (683-6459)

Location: An area encompassing the watershed around the community of Walton, in T. 17 & 18 S., R. 6, 7, & 8 W. The Bureau of Land Management is seeking your input regarding issues to be addressed during the upcoming Wildcat Watershed Analysis. The 34,900 acre area contains approximately 14,100 acres of BLM and 20,800 acres of private and State land. The analysis is expected to get underway in June 1998 and will incorporate an evaluation of the roads within the watershed for the purpose of Transportation Management Planning. Some 217 miles of road and approximately 311 miles of streams occur within the watershed boundaries. If you have information you feel would be helpful to the process or have questions contact the team leader, Gary Hoppe.

STATUS: *The BLM is seeking your input on issues (scoping) in the Watershed for an analysis expected to begin in June, 1998.*

<18> Pataha Thinning Timber Sale

Contact: Rich Kelley (683-6405)

Location: T18S R7W Section 17

This proposed project is a thinning timber sale in a 26 year old forest stand which is a progeny test site for the Eugene District Tree Improvement Program. The project area is approximately 33

acres. The purpose is to provide for continuation of long term genetics research. The thinning will maintain tree growth and vigor so measurements of growth and other characteristics can continue.

STATUS: *The environmental assessment is expected to be available for public review by mid-June, 1998. The thinning is scheduled for sale approximately April, 1999.*

LONG TOM WATERSHED

<16> West Danebo Wetland Restoration

Contact: Jock Beall (683-6993)

Location: West Eugene

Restoration and enhancement of historic and existing wetlands within the West Eugene Wetlands in the vicinity of Amazon Creek from Danebo Road to the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. Activities would include fill removal, grading, restoration of hydrology including Oxbow Slough, prescribed burning, and noxious weed control.

STATUS: *Scoping is open for comments. The environmental assessment is expected to be completed and available for public review in June, 1998. (Project was previously titled Central Amazon)*

<17> South Stewart Pond Wetland Restoration

Contact: Jock Beall (683-6993)

Location: West Eugene

Restoration and enhancement of wetlands on a 1 acre parcel recently added to existing BLM land that was included in a 1995 environmental assessment. Activities could include fill removal, grading, seeding, and noxious weed control.

STATUS: *Scoping is open for comments. The environmental assessment is expected to be completed and available for public review in July, 1998.*

SOUTH VALLEY RESOURCE AREA ROW RIVER WATERSHED

<1> Torched Mill Timber Sale

Contact: Janet Zentner (683-6795)

Location: T21S, R1W, Sec 35

This timber sale encompasses approximately 91 acres identified for regeneration harvest utilizing helicopters. This sale was originally proposed in July 1997, but would have required a road to be constructed through a 20-acre stand of late-successional forest. The original EA was withdrawn from further consideration so that the BLM could receive additional interpretation of the "15% Rule" as described in the NW Forest Plan. As a result, the EA now includes helicopter logging as the proposed action and was reissued for additional public comment.

STATUS: *The final decision was published in the Eugene Register Guard on May 27, 1998. The timber sale is scheduled for June 25, 1998.*

<2> Pitcher Clear Timber Sale

Contact: Kim Reviea (683-6794)

Location: T21S, R2W, Sec 35

The Pitcher Clear Timber Sale is a regeneration harvest on approximately 123 acres near Culp Creek in a Connectivity Block of the Matrix Land Use Allocation. Estimated yield is about 3.4 MMBF.

STATUS: *The final decision was published in the Eugene Register Guard on February 25, 1998. The timber sale occurred on March 26, 1998.*

<3> Upper Harms Timber Sale

Contact: Janet Zentner (683-6795)

Location: T20S, R2W, Sec 35

The proposed sale is located north of Dorena Reservoir in the Matrix land use allocation. The proposed action is to commercially thin

approximately 265 acres, yielding an estimated 2.97 MMBF of timber.

STATUS: *Scoping and analysis has been completed. The environmental assessment is being prepared, pending the results of surveys for Survey and Manage Component 2 species. It is expected to be out for public review in July, 1998. A final decision is anticipated in September 1998.*

<4> Perkins Creek Timber Sale

Contact: Richard Hardt (683-6690)

Location: T21S, R2W, Sec 27

This proposed timber sale would be part of a Western Oregon wide research project examining environmental impacts resulting from various forms of stand density management treatments, and would include thinning within Riparian Reserves. **STATUS:** *Scoping and analysis has been completed. The environmental assessment is being prepared, pending the results of surveys for Survey and Manage Component 2 species. It is expected to be out for public review in July, 1998. A final decision is anticipated in September 1998.*

UPPER SIUSLAW WATERSHED

<5> Tyrrell Timber Sale

Contact: Janet Zentner (683-6795)

Location: T20S, R5W, Sec 9

The proposed sale is approximately 4 miles west of Lorane in the Matrix land use allocation. The proposed action is a density management thinning on 80 acres, yielding an estimated 720 MBF of timber.

STATUS: *The final decision was published in the Eugene Register Guard on February 25, 1998. The timber sale occurred on March 26, 1998.*

<6> Douglas Creek Timber Sale

Contact: Kim Reviea (683-6794)

Location: T20S, R5W, Sec 3

This proposal includes a density management thinning and fisheries habitat improvements on a 140-acre parcel along Douglas Creek, a tributary to the Siuslaw River. The project area lies approximately 3 miles NW of Lorane. Alternatives being considered include thinning in riparian reserves to enhance development of late-successional conditions, along with down wood placement in Douglas Creek and selected riparian reserves.

STATUS: *Scoping has been completed. Analysis of alternatives is currently underway and the environmental assessment is expected to be available for public review by mid-summer, 1998. A final decision is anticipated in February 1999.*

<7> Smith Progeny Timber Sale

Contact: Rich Kelly (683-6405)

Location: T20S, R6W, Sec 13

The project area is one of several BLM progeny sites located in the Eugene District. A density management thinning is proposed for this 14-acre site. The purpose of progeny sites is to perform genetic tests to develop growth information on trees of known pedigrees. Progeny sites are long term research studies. There is a need for the trees at the Smith site to be thinned now to provide growing space in the future.

STATUS: *Scoping has been completed; analysis is underway and the environmental assessment should be available for public review by mid-summer, 1998. Final decision is expected in March 1999.*

<8> Fawn Creek LSR Restoration Project

Contact: Richard Hardt (683-6690)

Location: T20S, R5W, Sec 17

The proposed project area is located in the Coast Range Late-Successional Reserve (LSR 0267). The area being proposed for treatment is a densely stocked Douglas-fir stand in which treatments

would be designed to accelerate development of late-successional characteristics.

STATUS: *Scoping has been completed. Development of alternatives and analysis is underway and the environmental assessment is scheduled to be available for public review in Fall, 1998. A final decision is not anticipated until September 1999.*

LSR Restoration Projects

Contact: Carole Jorgensen (683-6217)

Location: LSR Lands in the Siuslaw Watershed

BLM is considering a variety of projects that would accelerate the development of late-successional characteristics in stands 20-40 years old. Projects could include such things as young stand thinning, snag creation, down wood placement, and wildlife structure.

STATUS: *Projects for thinning 10-20 year old stands will be covered in a Categorical Exclusion. An EA is in preparation for single tree release in 30 year old late succesional habitat in Bear Creek (T. 20S R. 7 W Sec. 11). The EA will be out for public review by June 30, 1998. Snag creation is also being considered for this area.*

WOLF CREEK WATERSHED

<9> Link-n-Log LSR Restoration Project

Contact: Richard Hardt (683-6690)

Location: T.19S.,R5W.,Sec.7

The proposed project area is about 202 acres lying along the eastern edge of the Coast Range Late-Successional Reserve (LSR 0267) about five miles south of Crow in the Wolf Creek Watershed. The proposed project includes density management thinning of heavily stocked 40-50 year old stands of Douglas-fir, down wood and snag creation, in-stream restoration, and road decommissioning.

STATUS: *Scoping and analysis have been completed. Public review of the environmental*

assessment occurred in February-March, 1998. A final decision for this project is expected in July 1998.

<10> Point-A-Panther Timber Sale

Contact: Kim Reviea (683-6794)

Location: T19S, R6W, Sec 13

The proposed Point-A-Panther timber sale lies approximately 5 miles south of Crow in the Matrix Land Use Allocation. Regeneration timber harvest is being considered on approximately 90 acres.

STATUS: *Scoping has been completed. Analysis of alternatives is currently underway, and public review for the EA is expected to occur in July-August 1998. A final decision is anticipated in May 1999.*

BIG RIVER WATERSHED

<11> Alton Hill Timber Sale

Contact: Janet Zentner (683-6795)

Location: T23S, R3W, Sec 17

A density management thinning is proposed for this site, located about 4-5 miles south of London Springs in the Matrix Land Use Allocation. The proposed site encompasses approximately 65 acres

STATUS: *Scoping has been completed, and analysis has been initiated. Public review for the EA is anticipated to occur in September 1998, with a final decision in September 1999.*

<12> Wilson Creek Fish Habitat Restoration Project

Contact: Chuck Vostal (683-6454)

Location: T22S, R3W, Sec 3

Wilson Creek is a major fish bearing stream located just east of Cottage Grove Lake. The Wilson Creek stream restoration project would involve eliminating fish passage barriers and

creating complexity within the channel by increasing spawning, rearing, and refuge habitat for all aquatic species on approximately 200'-300' of stream. This project would open access to approximately four miles of habitat to migrating aquatic species.

STATUS: *Scoping for this project is now scheduled to begin in June 1998. The EA is scheduled to be submitted for public review by mid-July 1998, with a final decision made by the end of September 1998.*

<13> Big River/Edwards Creek Fish Habitat Restoration Project

Contact: Chuck Vostal (683-6454)

Location: T23S, R2W, Sec 7, 17, 16

Big River and Edwards Creek are important habitats for rainbow and cutthroat trout, and numerous other aquatic species. Restoration is proposed that would improve the quality and quantity of suitable habitat in the Big River/Edwards Creek drainage. The project would involve in-stream structures that would increase channel complexity, increase availability of spawning, rearing and refuge habitat for all aquatic species, improve the quality of pool habitat, improve water quality by reducing sediments entering the stream, and improve the connectivity between stream channel and flood plain.

STATUS: *Scoping for this project is scheduled to begin in June 1998. The EA is scheduled for public review by mid-July 1998, with a final decision made by the end of September 1998.*

<15>Jasper Creek Timber Sale

Contact: Kim Reviea (683-6794)

Location: T22S, R3W, Sec 35

The proposed action is to do a density management thinning on approximately 150 acres located about 4 miles southeast of London Springs in the Big River Watershed. The proposed project area lies in the Matrix land use allocation; estimated timber volume is 2.1 MMBF.

STATUS: *Scoping has been completed and analysis is underway. The environmental assessment is anticipated to be out for public review by January, 1999 with a final decision occurring in December 1999.*

<16>I Spy I-5 Timber Sale

Contact: Janet Zentner (683-6795)

Location: T21S, R4W, Sec 25

This proposed regeneration harvest lies 2 miles south of I-5 and 3 miles west of Cottage Grove Reservoir, in the Big River Watershed. The proposed harvest area encompasses approximately 100 acres.

STATUS: *Scoping has been completed and analysis is underway. The EA is scheduled to be available for public review by September, 1998 with a final decision not anticipated until September, 1999.*

SHARPS CREEK WATERSHED

<14>Damewood Timber Sale

Contact: Janet Zentner (683-6795)

Location: T22S, R1W, Sec 17

The proposed Damewood timber sale lies approximately 3 miles south of Culp Creek in the Sharps Creek Watershed. A density management thinning has been proposed for approximately 70 acres, with an estimated volume of 0.91 MMBF.

STATUS: *Scoping has been completed and analysis is underway. The EA is being prepared, pending the results of surveys for Survey and Manage Component 2 species. It is expected to be out for public review in late summer 1998. A final decision is not anticipated until early 1999.*

OTHER STATEWIDE PROJECTS

BLM TO PREPARE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) PLANS FOR WESTERN OREGON SEED ORCHARDS

The Bureau of Land Management is considering preparation of Integrated Pest Management Plans for 4 western Oregon seed orchards. They are: Walter Horning Seed Orchard in Colton (Salem District), Travis Tyrrell Orchard (Eugene District), and the Charles A. Sprague and Provolt seed orchards (Medford District). The plans are primarily needed due to significant loss of seed to cone insects and other pests. Insecticide use and other alternatives would be considered to control the pests. The plan would apply to IPM activities within the seed orchards themselves. Formal notification to the public will be made in the next few months. If you are interested in providing scoping information, please contact the appropriate orchard manager: Jim Halberg (Salem District) 503-824-2151, Glen Miller (Eugene District) 541-683-6445, and Harvey Koester, 541-770-2200 (Medford District).